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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

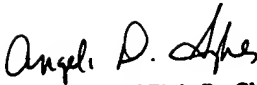
The rejection of claim 26 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Bommannan in view of Klopotek ('559) set forth in the final rejection was withdrawn in the examiner's answer in that the rejection was considered to be redundant in view of other rejections set forth regarding claim 26.

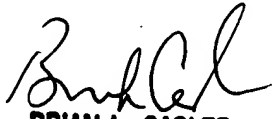
With regard to the rejection of claim 6, the final rejection included a rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Eppstein in view of Klopotek and a rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Eppstein in view of Bommannan. It should be noted that claim 6 depends from claim 3 therefore any rejection of claim 6 must include reference to Eppstein, Klopotek and Bommannan. This obvious oversight was corrected in the Examiner's Answer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ruth S Smith whose telephone number is (703) 308-3063. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 AM- 2:00 PM.

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